

EXPLAINS RULES OF BRITISH BLOCKADE

Sir Frank Newnes Gives Details of Work of Big Sea Cordon.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—The most detailed description of the British system of blockade which has been made was presented to the members of the American Luncheon Club by Sir Frank Newnes, in an address delivered at the last meeting of the club.

Sir Frank is the head of a great publishing house founded by his father. He is a member of the royal volunteer navy, and is acting as an assistant secretary of the committee on detention of neutral ships presided over by Lord Peel.

His explanation of the system follows: "Every ship east of west bound passing up or down the English Channel or by the north of Scotland is stopped by one of the British fleet-of-war, boarded and examined."

"These ships are armed merchantmen and are on duty right across from the north of Scotland to Norway, one ship every twenty miles. They are manned by the royal naval reserve men from the merchant marine, who are used to examining ships' papers and documents."

"A copy of the ship's manifest is wired to London. Some ships have between 200 and 300 different descriptions of goods on board, and these telegrams run to many thousands of words."

"The telegraphed manifest goes on before the contraband committee, which sits every day and all day, presided over by E. M. Pollock, King's counsel and member of Parliament."

"The committee considers each item, and if they have any reasonable suspicion that any items are destined for the enemy the ship will be detained and ordered to unload the suspected items at a suitable port."

"If she has nothing suspicious the ship can proceed at once, and I may say that the contraband committee works so expeditiously that its decision on the ship or cargo is reached within the same day that the manifest is put before it."

Intelligence Department.

"When the manifest is telegraphed to the contraband committee it is also telegraphed to the war trade intelligence department, which has been created for the purpose of supplying information on which the contraband committee can decide whether certain goods should be allowed to go forward or not."

"I have already told you that the desire of the British government is to carry out this blockade with as little delay or inconvenience to neutrals as is possible, and I will now give you some of the arrangements made to insure this."

"Agreements have been made with representative associations of merchants in neutral countries under which they undertake that goods consigned to them will not be exported to Germany, nor be used in the manufacture of goods which are for export to Germany."

"The first of these was the Netherlands Overseas trust, which was so successful that similar associations were formed in other countries."

"In Denmark, the Danish Merchants Guild."

"In Switzerland, the Societe de Surveillance Suisse."

"Goods can now be exported from this country practically under license only, and such licenses are usually granted if the goods are consigned to license associations."

"Agreements have been made with many shipping lines, under which their ships are allowed to go forward even if they have contraband on board or are carrying goods which our authorities suspect are for the enemy, on condition of returning such goods to this country for the prize court or to retain them in a neutral country until after the war."

"Bunker coal from any port in the British empire is refused to neutral ships unless they comply with certain conditions which insure that the goods they carry do not go to the enemy."

The Skinner Scheme.

"Then there is the Skinner scheme. This is a scheme which was suggested by Mr. Skinner, the American consul general in London. It is this:

"A department has been opened in the British embassy at Washington to which an American exporter can go and give particulars of the nature and amount of the goods he desires to export, and also the name of the consignee. The department will at once cable here to the contraband committee, who will cable him whether his goods would pass the blockade or not, and thus he can save the expense of shipping them. If he ships the goods the papers are marked accordingly, and some American lines will only take goods which have passed the Skinner scheme."

"It has been found that since the war broke out certain neutral countries have been importing a vast increased amount of certain goods beyond their pre-war and normal requirements, and unless they were furnished with these large quantities of these goods from Germany and Austria there is an overwhelming presumption that they are imported for the purpose of re-export to Germany, and there is no doubt that this was done on a large scale."

"To avoid this the contraband committee has been ordered to stationing the import of a given article into a neutral country is limited to the amount of its true domestic requirements. It is a very fair system, allowing as it does any neutral to carry on its own legitimate trade and to supply its own wants."

In Excess of "Ration."

"You will note that that it may happen that when you apply for the war trade department for a license to export certain articles to neutral countries it may be refused, not because there is any doubt in regard to your consignee, but for the reason that the country has already been supplied with the rationed amount of such goods."

"It would point out to you that the net result of all these arrangements, instituted by the British government so that the blockade of Germany will interfere as little as possible with neutrals, are so framed that if any exporter has to hold up or put in the prize court he has only himself to blame, and if any one doing business with these neutral countries will only comply with the requirements I have outlined to you he runs practically no risk of his goods being held up with all the consequent loss of time and money."

"The British government are, of course, determined to enforce the blockade with absolute firmness and strictness, but at the same time they are always prepared to consider any reasonable complaints from neutrals arising out of such enforcement, and I believe that the system which has now been developed is as well thought out and as working as smoothly as there is to be had in any cause for complaint."

And Gets Married.

We read a lot of glib and jokes about love by the sea. Describing how the summer folks display frivolity.

The season is a dizzy whirl. But he it understood that that now and then a summer girl does get engaged for good.

—Kansas City Journal.

LOCAL AND N. Y. FINANCIAL NEWS

DULLNESS CONTINUES ON CAPITAL MARKET

Small Attendance of Brokers and Scarcity of Orders Is Given as Reason.

A small attendance of brokers and a scarcity of orders caused a continuance of the recent dullness on the Washington Stock Exchange today. The call was concluded without any material change in quotation figures, and the business recorded was confined to four sales.

Mergenthaler Linotype stock remained flat at recently prevailing figures, a lot of 10 shares selling at 160. An odd lot of 5 shares of American National Bank stock brought 155, or a fraction more in quotation figures, and the business recorded was confined to four sales.

The other two sales consisted of a \$500 American Graphophone first 6 per cent bond at 101, and a \$500 Washington Gas 5 1/2 per cent bond at 107 1/2.

Eugene E. Thompson, of Crane, Harris & Co., bankers and brokers, will leave this afternoon for Terra Alta, W. Va., where he will spend a ten-day vacation.

Today's Sales.

Graphophone 1st 6's, \$500 @ 107 1/2.
Mergenthaler Linotype, 10 @ 160.
American National Bank, \$500 @ 155.
After call—
Washington Gas 5 1/2's, \$500 @ 107 1/2.

Local Bonds.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

U. S. Reg. 2's, 100 @ 103 1/2.
U. S. Coupon 2's, 100 @ 103 1/2.
U. S. Reg. 3's, 100 @ 103 1/2.
U. S. Coupon 3's, 100 @ 103 1/2.
U. S. Reg. 4's, 100 @ 103 1/2.
U. S. Coupon 4's, 100 @ 103 1/2.

GAS BONDS.

Geo. Gas Co. 5's, 100 @ 104.
Georgetown Gas 5's, 100 @ 104.
Washington Gas 5's, 100 @ 107 1/2.
Col. Gas & Elec. 5's, 100 @ 107.
Col. Gas & Elec. Deb. 5's, 100 @ 107.

RAILROAD BONDS.

Cap. Traction R. R. 5's, 100 @ 100 1/2.
Ana. Pot. Guar. 5's, 100 @ 99.
Annapolis & Potomac 5's, 100 @ 99.
City & Suburban 5's, 100 @ 102.
Metropolitan R. R. 5's, 100 @ 104 1/2.
Wash. Ry. & Elec. 5's, 100 @ 104 1/2.

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.

Potomac Elec. Cons. 5's, 100 @ 100.
Potomac Elec. 5's, 100 @ 100.
N. & P. Telephone 5's, 100 @ 100.
Amer. Tel. & Telg. 4's, 100 @ 100.
Amer. Tel. & Telg. 5's, 100 @ 100.
Amer. Gas & Elec. 5's, 100 @ 100.

PRINCIPAL STOCKS.

Capital Traction, 100 @ 100 1/2.
Wash. Ry. & Elec. com., 100 @ 100 1/2.
Wash. Ry. & Elec. pref., 100 @ 100 1/2.
N. & P. Telephone, 100 @ 100.
Columbia Gas & Elec., 100 @ 100.
Amer. Tel. & Telg., 100 @ 100.

TYPE MACHINE STOCKS.

Mergenthaler Linotype, 100 @ 155.
Lanston Monotype, 100 @ 155.

MINING STOCKS.

Greenland, 100 @ 45.
National Bank, 100 @ 100.
Capital Nat. Bank, 100 @ 100.
Columbia Nat. Bank, 100 @ 100.
District Nat. Bank, 100 @ 100.
Far. & Mech. Nat. Bank, 100 @ 100.

TRUST COMPANY STOCKS.

Amer. Sec. & Trust, 100 @ 100.
Nat. Sec. & Trust, 100 @ 100.
Union Trust, 100 @ 100.
Wash. Loan & Trust, 100 @ 100.
Continental Trust, 100 @ 100.

SAVINGS BANK STOCKS.

Home Savings, 100 @ 100.
Bank of Com. & Savings, 100 @ 100.
East Wash. Sav. Bank, 100 @ 100.
Sec. Sav. & Com. Bank, 100 @ 100.

FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS.

Arlington Fire Insurance, 100 @ 100.
Fireman's Fire Insurance, 100 @ 100.
Ger. Amer. Fire Insurance, 100 @ 100.
Nat. Fire Insurance, 100 @ 100.

TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.

Columbia Title Insurance, 100 @ 100.
Real Estate Title Ins., 100 @ 100.

MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.

Chapin-Saunders, 100 @ 100.
D. C. Paper Mfg. Co., 100 @ 100.
Graphophone, 100 @ 100.
Merch. Trans. & Storage, 100 @ 100.
Security Storage, 100 @ 100.
Washington Market, 100 @ 100.

Woman, 65, Accused Of \$1,125 Gem Theft

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Mrs. Jane Tutbill Flower, sixty-five, has been indicted on a charge of grand larceny by the Hudson County (N. J.) grand jury. Her brother-in-law, Smith Horton, says she took \$1,125 worth of his first wife's jewelry after her death. Mrs. Flower asserts the jewelry was stolen from her. Her husband, she says, was a cousin of Roswell P. Flower, once a governor of New York.

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Quotations furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., members of New York Stock Exchange, 110 Broadway.

Alaska C. M. Co., 17 1/2 @ 17 1/2.
Allis-Chalmers, 85 1/2 @ 85 1/2.
Am. Agr. Chem. Co., 7 1/2 @ 7 1/2.
Am. Beet Sugar, 88 1/2 @ 88 1/2.
Am. Can., 57 1/2 @ 57 1/2.
Am. C. & F., 50 1/2 @ 50 1/2.
Am. Coal, 145 @ 145.
Am. Ice Security, 50 1/2 @ 50 1/2.
Am. Locomotive, 73 1/2 @ 73 1/2.
Am. Smelting, 55 1/2 @ 55 1/2.
Am. Steel Found., 51 1/2 @ 51 1/2.
Am. Tel. & Tel., 120 1/2 @ 120 1/2.
Am. Tobacco, 22 1/2 @ 22 1/2.
Ancon, 100 @ 100.
Atlantic Coast, 100 @ 100.
Baldwin Central, 74 1/2 @ 74 1/2.
Baltimore & Ohio, 35 1/2 @ 35 1/2.
Bethlehem Steel, 44 1/2 @ 44 1/2.
B. F. Goodrich, 73 1/2 @ 73 1/2.
Brooklyn Rap. Tran., 51 1/2 @ 51 1/2.
R. & E. Cop. Co., 65 1/2 @ 65 1/2.
Central Leather, 55 1/2 @ 55 1/2.
Chesapeake & Ohio, 61 1/2 @ 61 1/2.
Chino Con. Cop., 45 1/2 @ 45 1/2.
Chi. Mil. & S. Paul, 94 1/2 @ 94 1/2.
C. R. I. & P. Ry., 19 1/2 @ 19 1/2.
Col. Fuel & Iron, 41 1/2 @ 41 1/2.
Consolidated Gas, 100 1/2 @ 100 1/2.
Corn Products, 14 1/2 @ 14 1/2.
Crescent Steel, 71 1/2 @ 71 1/2.
Distillers' Securities, 65 1/2 @ 65 1/2.
Erie, 35 1/2 @ 35 1/2.
General Electric, 104 1/2 @ 104 1/2.
General Motors, 57 1/2 @ 57 1/2.
Gen. Motors pfd., 115 1/2 @ 115 1/2.
Great North. pfd., 115 1/2 @ 115 1/2.
Great North. Ore., 35 1/2 @ 35 1/2.
Illinois Central, 101 1/2 @ 101 1/2.
Inspiration Copper, 94 1/2 @ 94 1/2.
Inter-Harvester, 111 1/2 @ 111 1/2.
Int. Mercantile Mar., 37 1/2 @ 37 1/2.
Inter. Mer. Mar. pfd., 94 1/2 @ 94 1/2.
Kennebec Copper, 47 1/2 @ 47 1/2.
Kan. City Southern, 34 1/2 @ 34 1/2.
Leakawana Steel, 71 1/2 @ 71 1/2.
Maxwell Motor Co., 51 1/2 @ 51 1/2.
Maxwell M. Co. pfd., 55 1/2 @ 55 1/2.
Mex. Petrol., 97 1/2 @ 97 1/2.
Miami Copper, 34 1/2 @ 34 1/2.
Missouri Pacific, 41 1/2 @ 41 1/2.
Montana Power, 91 1/2 @ 91 1/2.
Nat. Lead, 115 1/2 @ 115 1/2.
Nevada Con. Copper, 17 1/2 @ 17 1/2.
N. Y. Air Brake Co., 104 1/2 @ 104 1/2.
N. Y. Central, 104 1/2 @ 104 1/2.
N. Y. N. H. & H., 65 1/2 @ 65 1/2.
Nortfolk & West., 120 1/2 @ 120 1/2.
North. Pacif., 111 1/2 @ 111 1/2.
Pennsylvania H. R., 111 1/2 @ 111 1/2.
Piedmont, 45 1/2 @ 45 1/2.
P. & W. Car. com., 45 1/2 @ 45 1/2.
Pullman Company, 103 1/2 @ 103 1/2.
Ray Con. Copper, 24 1/2 @ 24 1/2.
Rail Steel Spgs., 45 1/2 @ 45 1/2.
Rep. Iron & Steel, 47 1/2 @ 47 1/2.
Reading, 101 1/2 @ 101 1/2.
Southern Railway, 95 1/2 @ 95 1/2.
Southern Railway pfd., 95 1/2 @ 95 1/2.
St. Joseph Corp., 125 1/2 @ 125 1/2.
Tennessee Copper, 25 1/2 @ 25 1/2.
Third Ave. R. R., 61 1/2 @ 61 1/2.
Union Pacific, 120 1/2 @ 120 1/2.
United Clear Stores, 102 1/2 @ 102 1/2.
U. S. Indus. Alst., 107 1/2 @ 107 1/2.
U. S. Rubber com., 55 1/2 @ 55 1/2.
U. S. Steel, 67 1/2 @ 67 1/2.
U. S. Steel pfd., 118 1/2 @ 118 1/2.
Utah Copper, 70 1/2 @ 70 1/2.
West. Union Telg., 94 1/2 @ 94 1/2.
Westinghouse Elec., 58 1/2 @ 58 1/2.
Willsie Overland Co., 55 1/2 @ 55 1/2.

Bonds.

Anglo-Fr. Loan 5's, 100 @ 103 1/2.
B. & O. Gen. 5's, 100 @ 103 1/2.
C. & O. Joint 4's, 100 @ 97 1/2.
Inter. Metro. 4's, 100 @ 97 1/2.
Northern Pac. 4's, 100 @ 97 1/2.
South. Pac. 4's, 100 @ 97 1/2.
South. Pac. 5's, 100 @ 103 1/2.
Southern Ry. 5's, 100 @ 101 1/2.

The Reformed Lover.

The late John Philip Quinn, the reformed gambler, who for twenty years traveled all over America exposing the electric roulette wheel and other cheating devices, has a reform story that he would tell while exhibiting his queer paraphernalia in his private car.

"Don't be afraid of reform," he said. "Help every poor devil who wants to reform. The way most people act, you'd think they all believed religiously in the reform story."

"You stopped smoking because she asked you to?"

"And you stopped drinking because she asked you to?"

"And you gave up your poker parties and went into refined, serious society for the same reason?"

"Yes, yes, yes."

"And you never married her?"

"Well, you see, after I'd reformed like that, I found I could better."

—Exchange.

Marriage Licenses.

John P. Libby, Brighton, Me., and Edith A. Weir, Lowell, Va.
Isador Paskov, Baltimore, and Anna Sokolofsky, Baltimore.

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STOCK PRICES RISE ON WALL STREET

Munition Shares and Rails Higher—General Tone of Market Strong.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—The market opened with general higher prices. Munition shares were strong and general strength was shown in American Locomotive and American Railroads. Railroad shares were strong and general activity in other leading issues characterized the first hour of the market. Dullness marked the closing of the morning session.

Wholesale Produce Market

ROBES.—Nearer, fresh, 100 lb. per bag, 100 @ 100.
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Knew the Language.

Before the war, "Seamen's return" tickets were issued by most railway companies from seaport towns at reduced rates. A well-dressed young man asked for one of these tickets the other day, but the booking clerk demurred.

"Seamen's return tickets are issued only to sailors," he answered.

"Well, I am a sailor," was the reply of the applicant.

"But how am I to know that your statement is correct?" came the answer.

"How are you to know it?" came the answer. "Why, you leathernecked son of a sea cook, if you feel my starboard hand, I'll show you my headlight."

"Well, I am a sailor," was the reply of the applicant.

"Give him a ticket," he said. "He's a sailor."—London Answers.

He Made It Seven.

A well-known surgeon was imparting some clinical instructions to half a dozen students who accompanied him on his homecoming. At the bedside of a doubtful case, he said:

"Now, gentlemen, do you think this is or is not a case for operation?"

One by one the students made their diagnosis, and all of them came to the conclusion that it was not.

"Well, gentlemen, you are all wrong," said the wielder of the scalpel. "I shall operate tomorrow."

"No, you won't," exclaimed the patient. "Lie here in peace. There are six votes to one against it. Gimme my clothes."—Exchange.

A Rolling Stone.

A New York man took a run not long ago into Connecticut to town where he had lived as a boy. He accosted a venerable man of some eighty years, who proved to be the very person to answer certain inquiries concerning the place. Finally the New Yorker said: "I suppose you have always lived around here?"

"No," said the old man. "I was born to good miles from here."—Christian Register.

Somewhat Significant.

"Our last had a fine view of a double elap. She said she was fond of music. Being a musical family we got up a little concert for her benefit."

"The next day she left us."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Unwittingly Kind.

Cholly Ayres—Yes, since the Parkers lost their money I have stopped calling there.

Miss Keen—That is very kind of you. It ought to cheer them up a whole lot.—Boston Transcript.

Now Somebody'll Tell.

First Fratter—Why are you so anxious to find out?

Second Fratter—Well, everyone else in our set has, and I don't want to appear snobbish.—Dartmouth Jack-o'-Lantern.

Harking Back.

"Lemuel Wombat has bought a fine buggy."

"Must be going to court an old-fashioned girl."—Kansas City Journal.

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